

Major Gen: *Poyntz's*

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LETTER

TO

The Honorable *William Lenthal Esq;*
Speaker of the Honorable House
of COMMONS:

OR,

A true Relation of the Storming and
taking of all the Works and Stables
of BELVOYR-CASTLE.

Together with a Letter from Adjutant Gen:
Sandys, concerning the same Fight, wherein the
Enemy had no Quarter granted them.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That
these Letters be forthwith printed and published.

H: Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for *Edw. Husband*, Printer to the Honorable
House of Commons, and are to be sold at his Shop at the
Sign of the Golden Dragon in Fleetstreet, neer the
Inner-Temple, November 25. 1645.

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To the Honorable, VV: Lenthal E/q;
Speaker of the House of Commons.

SIR,

He last night I drew up
these Forces with me be-
fore Belvoire Castle, and
sending in a Summons,
the Governour returned me this An-
swer; Sir, I am no lesse distrustfull of
Providence then you are: and return
you Answer, That I was not placed
here by the King to surrender to Re-
bells; And for the effusion of blood
you mention, the crime will be your
own, not mine; Therefore I will not
give one inch of ground I am able to
maintain with my sword, against all
your attempts made against this place,
and your Servant *Fervace Lucas*:

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whereupon my men being in readi-
ness, we stormed their works in four
severall places, and after an hours dis-
pute entred, and possessed our selves of
all their VVorks and Stables, so that
in a short time I hope to return you a
good accompt of that place : I cannot
as yet, hear any thing of the Foot or-
dered to me out of the Eastern Garri-
sons, so that my going against Newark
is much retarded thereby, and out of
York there is neither horse nor foot as
yet appears : I shall, according to the
trust repos'd in me, use my best en-
deavour for the Publique, and ever
remain, Sir,

Your faithfull and
humble Servant,

Bartsford,
21. Nov.

Sednham Poyntz.



SIR,

 Am extremely tired with
the last nights storming,
and being assured that
you will have a more par-
ticular Relation from others, but I
shall say thus much, the VVorks
were the strongest I have seen in
England, and gallantly defended, and
our men at first discouraged so much,
that the Generall, my self, and some
other Officers were fain to keep the
men at the VVorks with our swords:
we had one Major and two Captains
wounded, and two Ensignes killed;
the number of Souldiers lost I yet
know

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know not, they had no more quarter then their bold answer to our Summons deserved: wee have possessed our selves of the Spring that supplyes them with water, and doubt not but suddenly to reduce it. I am in haste, and rest.

Your Servant,

Richard Sandys.

Botsford, 21. Nov.

1645.

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